

**Chronology of the lives of Johann Eberhard Ream (Reem, Rihm, Riehm)
And Anna Elisabeth Schwab/Schwob/Schwobin**

Compiled by his 8x great granddaughter

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(as a descendant of their grandson Abraham, 1749-1817)

With a lot of help from my Ream Cousins and others - Updated 15 Jan 2022



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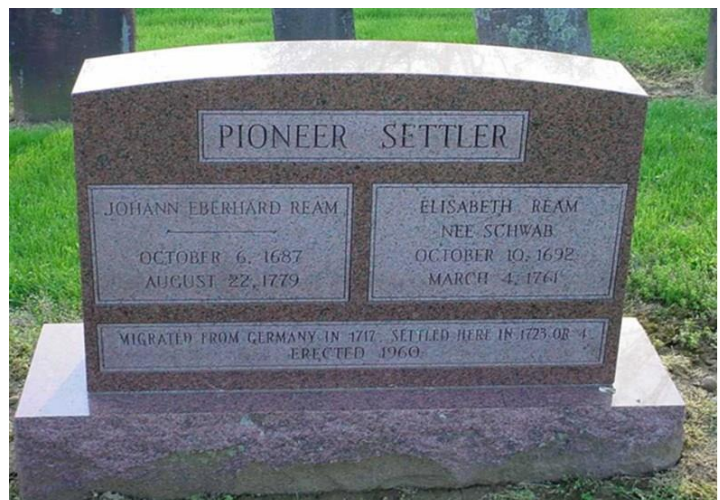
Pioneer Settler

Johann Eberhard Ream, born in Leimen, Germany on October 6, 1687 came to America with his family in 1717. They were the first white people in this area, having arrived here in 1723 or 4. He received two grants of land, 389 acres and 113 acres, from the sons of William Penn. His eleven children were, Jacob 1713, Anna 1716, Abraham 1718, Nicholas 1721, John 1723, Mathias 1726, Tobias 1733, Andrew 1737, and Susanna, Samuel, and Adam, whose birth dates are unknown. On February 15, 1759, Eberhard and his wife divided most of their land among their seven living sons wording each deed "for the natural love and affection which they bear to their son." They are buried in Ream's Cemetery 1/2 mile to the southwest.

"The citizens of the Reamstown community and the members of the Ream family throughout the U.S.A. deeply appreciate the gift of Mrs. Irene R. Weidman, Ephrata Pa., to the Memorial Park Association. Her gift made possible the erection of this Ream Memorial. Mrs. Weidman is an eight generation descendant of Eberhard Ream through his son Nicholas." – Source, pg 114, 1760-1960 Reamstown Bicentennial commemorative book.

6 Oct 1687 Birth of Eberhard Rihm (Riehm, Ream) in Leimen, Germany

- "Pioneer Settler. Johann Eberhard Ream. October 6, 1687-August 22, 1779. Migrated from Ream Germany in 1717". – Grave marker
- Everhard Rihm, the son of Hans Andreas Rihm, was born of a line of yeomen, in 1687, in the Palatinate, Germany. His birthplace was the village of Leimen, near Heidelberg. Source: *Publications of the Lancaster Historical Society, Vol XXX, No. 5*. Reference found via an Ancestry.com member post.



10 Oct 1692 – Birth of Elizabeth Schwab/Schwob/Schwobin

- “Pioneer Settler. Elisabeth Ream Nee Schwab. October 10, 1692 – March 4, 1761. Migrated from Germany in 1717. Settled here in 1723 or 4. Erected 1960”. Source: grave marker. See above.
- Original tombstone inscription: “Hier Liegt Begraben des Eberthart Rihms seine Ehefran Elisabeth eine geborene Schwobin geboren in Europa zu diren den 10 Octob. 1692 in der ehe hat sie Celebat 49 jahr, 7 monat, 18 tag verschild d 4 ten Mertz 1761. Thres alters 68 jahr, 4 monat, 22 tage”
 - Here lies Eberhard Rihm, his wife Elisabeth, nee Schwab, born in Europe at Diren the 10th of Oct 1692. In marriage she lived 49 years, 7 months, 18 days. Passed away the 4th of 1761, her age 68 years 4 months and 22 days.”
 - Source: *Genealogy of the Stukey, Ream, Grove, Clem and Denniston Families*, pg. 250, printed in the United States of America by Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, PA, by Elmer Leonidas Denniston, D.O., originally published by the author, 417 North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA, 1939.

5 Apr 1712 –Johann Ebehard Riehm marries Elizabeth Schwab

Auszug aus dem Grauregister
der evangelischen Kirchengemeinde Leimen

Jahrgang 1712 Seite 11 Nr. _____

Alle für die Abkündigung nöthigen Angaben, die in dem vorbestimmten Eintrag enthalten sind, sollen mitgetheilt werden; auf andere Einträge darf jedoch zur Anstellung nicht zurückgegriffen werden.

Beiräthig:	Name: <u>Riehm</u>	Nachname: <u>Johann Ebehard</u>
	Beruf: <u>Bäcker</u>	Religion: <u>ref.</u>
Braut:	Name: <u>Schwab</u>	Nachname: <u>Anna Elisabeth</u>
	Beruf: <u>Bäcker</u>	Religion: <u>ref.</u>
Eltern des Beiräthigen:	Vater: Name: <u>Riehm</u>	Nachname: <u>Hans Andreas</u>
	Beruf: <u>(Bürger)</u>	Wohnort: <u>Leimen</u>
Eltern der Braut:	Vater: Name: <u>Schwab</u>	Nachname: <u>Jost</u>
	Beruf: <u>Bäcker</u>	Wohnort: <u>Leimen</u>

1. 2. Angaben über Zeugen, die als Zeugnische der Brautleute erkennbar sind, s. u.

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Ort und Datum: Leimen den 30. März 1712

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- Johann Eberhard Riehm, male, marries Anna Elisabetha Schwab on 5 Apr 1712 at Leimen, Baden, Germany. His father is Hans Andreas Riehm. Source: *Germany, Select Marriages, 1558-1929*, Ancestry.com. FHL film number: 1272780. Reference ID item 4-8. Author: Ancestry.com. Publisher: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014, Provo, UT, USA. Repository: Ancestry.com, <http://www.Ancestry.com>
- Johann Eberhard Riehm, male, marries Anna Elisabetha Schwab on 5 Apr 1712 at Leimen-Lingenthal, Baden (Baden-Württemberg), Prussia. Parish: Wiesloch. His father is Hans Andreas Riehm. Source: *Baden, Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1502-1985*, page number 10;11. Author: Ancestry.com. Publisher: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc, 2016, Provo, UT, USA. Repository: Ancestry.com, <http://www.Ancestry.com>

- “Among the records of the Riehm family in the records of the Reformed Church of Leimen is that of the marriage of Eberhard Ream which is given below...” The German is included in this record, followed by this English translation: “Taken from the marriage record of the once Reformed, now United Congregation, Leimen, near Heidelberg, 1712.

- “The following parties have been proclaimed three times, and have been married afterwards on the 5th day of April 1712.
- “Johann Eberhard Riehm, baker and citizen, single and a legitimate son of Hans Andreas Riehm, a citizen of the place, and Miss Anna Elisabetha, single, legitimate daughter of Jost Schwab, citizen and baker of this place.
- “This is a correct copy of the original and is herewith confirmed, Leimen Germany, March 8, 1926. The Evangelical Pastor, SENGER, Pastor.”
- Source: *Genealogy of the Stukey, Ream, Grove, Clem and Denniston Families*, pg. 245-246, printed in the United States of America by Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, PA, by Elmer Leonidas Denniston, D.O., originally published by the author, 417 North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA, 1930.

Birth of son Johann Jacob Ream – “born at Lame near Heydelberg (D6909 Leimen) in Jun 1712 eight days before Pentecost, married 1735 in May to Christina, nee Hallerin, born in Alsace, 3 hours beyond Cron Weissenburg (probably Mattstail), 15 km (3 hours) west of Cron Weissenburg, today Wissembourg, Alsace, France) at Fastnacht (Shrove Tuesday) 1717.” Source: “Der Reggeboge, The Rainbow”, published by the Pennsylvania German Society, Vol 10, No. 3-4, Dec. 1976, quoting from the Records of the Muddy Creek Moravian Congregation, Church-Book for the Little Congregation of Jesus Christ on the Muddy Creek, from the Moravian Archives in Bethelhem, PA, now owned by the Moravian Historical Society.

- While this record shows a date of birth in June 1712, it is more likely it was 1713 given that his sister Anna Catharina was baptized within three days of her birth and that Johann Eberhard Ream only married Jacob’s mother in April 1712. Unable to confirm either way without a birth record from Germany.

24 Jun 1713 – Baptism of Johann Jacob Riehm in Leimen, Baden, Germany. In this record his father is named as Hans Eberhard Riehm and his mother Anna Elisabeth Riehm. Parish as it appears: Sandhaußen. Page number 152, 153. Source: *Baden, Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1502-1985*. Author: Ancestry.com. Publisher: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2016, Provo, UT, USA. Repository: Ancestry.com, <http://www.Ancestry.com>

16 Jan 1716 – Birth of daughter Anna Catharina Rihm in Leimen, Baden, Germany

- Source: *Germany, Select Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898*. Author: Ancestry.com. Note: iGermany, Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898/i. Salt Lake City, Utah: FamilySearch, 2013. Publisher: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014; Provo, UT, USA. Repository: Ancestry.com, <http://www.Ancestry.com>
- Catharina, born at Leimen, Heidelberg, married Johannes Leimbach in Oley in August 1735. Source: “Der Reggeboge, The Rainbow”, published by the Pennsylvania German Society, Vol 10, No. 3-4, Dec. 1976, quoting from the Records of the Muddy Creek Moravian Congregation, Church-Book for the Little Congregation of Jesus Christ on the Muddy Creek, from the Moravian Archives in Bethelhem, PA, now owned by the Moravian Historical Society.
- Anna Catharina Rihm, daughter of Hans Eberhard Riehm and Anna Elizabeth Ream. Source: *Baden, Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1502-1985*. Author: Ancestry.com. Publisher: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2016, Provo, UT, USA. Repository: Ancestry.com, <http://www.Ancestry.com>
- Grave marker: [Photos of Anna Catharina Riehm Leimbach - Find A Grave Memorial](#)

19 Jan 1716 – Baptism of daughter Anna Catharina Riehm in Leimen-Lingenthal, Gernay

- Baptism of Anna Catharina Rihm *source: Germany, Select Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898*. Author: Ancestry.com. Note: iGermany, Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898/i. Salt Lake City, Utah: FamilySearch, 2013. Publisher: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014; Provo, UT, USA. Repository: Ancestry.com, <http://www.Ancestry.com>
- Anna Catharina Rihm, daughter of Hans Eberhard Riehm and Anna Elizabeth Ream. Baptized in Leimen-Lingenthal, Preußen, Baden; parish: Gilgen. Page number 162, 163. *Source: Baden, Germany, Lutheran Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1502-1985*. Author: Ancestry.com. Publisher: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2016, Provo, UT, USA. Repository: Ancestry.com, <http://www.Ancestry.com>

1 May 1717 – Johann is sponsor at the baptism of his nephew at Leimen, Heidelberg, Baden, Germany.

Nephew Johann Eberhard Rheim, born 30 Apr 1717, son of Matthaus (Mathias) Rheim and Anna Maria Seib. *Sources:*

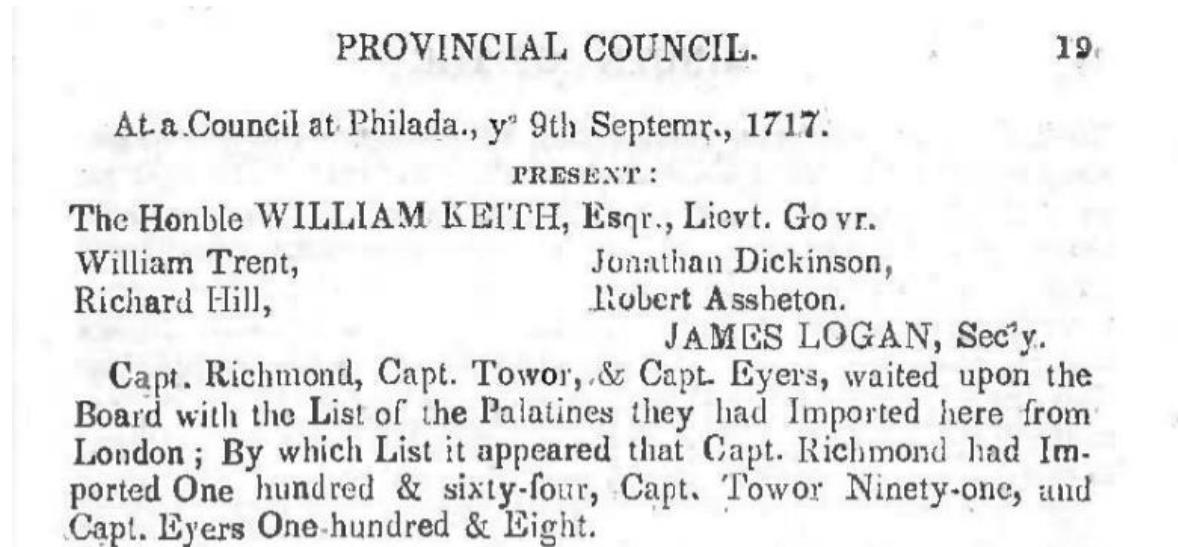
- *Germany Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898*, "Deutschland Geburten und Taufen, 1558-1898", database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:NC6M-LR8 : 25 October 2021>), Johann Eberhard Rhiem, 1717. [Source Linker – FamilySearch.org](https://familysearch.org)
- *Genealogy of the Stukey, Ream, Grove, Clem and Denniston Families*, pg. 246, printed in the United States of America by Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, PA, by Elmer Leonidas Denniston, D.O., originally published by the author, 417 North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA, 1930.

Summer/Fall 1717 – Johann Eberhard and Elisabeth arrive in the Colonies.

- "...in 1717, ...the local baker, Johann Eberhardt Riehm, set out for the New World. He went with William Penn to Philadelphia, and thence to the wilds of Lancaster County. there he took up the difficult task of clearing the land and tilling the soil, making friends with the Indians." Source: letter from Ream descendant "Dave" Sep 1960 following a trip to Leimen, Germany
- Eberhardt, Elizabeth, and their first two children Jacob and Katharina, left Leimen in the fall of 1717 for the trip down the Rhine to Rotterdam, and thence across the Atlantic to Philadelphia. Within two or three years, they were joined in Philadelphia by Elizabeth's parents, Jost and Anna Katharina Schwab; Jost had also been a baker in Leimen, perhaps his son-in-law's boss. – written by David Ream and found on Ancestry
It is not known just what Eb and his family did in their first couple of years in America. Certainly they were in Philadelphia for a awhile... But by 1720 they, along with the Schwabs, had moved west into the wilds of Leacock Township in Lancaster County; Katharina Schwab died in Leacock in 1720, and Nicholas Riehm was born in Leacock in 1721. In 1724, Eb bought land (from John Penn, son of William) a few miles north in Cocalico Township and settled down to establish his farm in what is now Reamstown. – written by David Ream and found on Ancestry
- Date not given: Johann Eberhardt Riehm, primary immigrant, arrives Pennsylvania with his wife Anna Elisabeth Schwab Riehm. Source Publication code: 4404. Annotation: Records housed in Baden State Archives at Karlsruhe, Germany. Names 141 persons, from various sources. Also in Yoder, no. 9968, pp. 1-31. Source Bibliography: KREBS, FRIEDRICH. "Palatine Emigration Materials from the Neckar Valley, 1726-1766." Translated and edited by Don Yoder. In *Pennsylvania Folklife*, vol. 24:4 (Summer 1975), pp. 15-44. From *U.S. and Canada, Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500s-1900s*. Detail: Place: Pennsylvania; Page Number: 25. Author: Ancestry.com. Publisher: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2010, Provo, UT, USA. Repository: Ancestry.com, <http://www.Ancestry.com>

- “ He was an immigrant to Pennsylvania about 1718. His name appears on a list of persons who were in Lancaster Co., before 1718. He settled in that part of Pa. known as Conestoga”. This was said to have been abstracted from the book Riehm Family, Lancaster Library, Lancaster, Ohio pp 248-249. [Johann Eberhardt Riehm : Family tree by comrade28 - Geneanet](#)

9 Sep 1717 – Palatine Arrivals Discussed at Philadelphia, PA Provincial Council



The above document, from the Pennsylvania archives, Colonial Records, Vol. 2 is quoted by Ream descendent Forest Ream who notes: “In the lists referenced above we find a record of the arrival of our Rim (Ream) and Schwab families that later were found in the vicinity of Leacock and Reamstown, PA, which at that early date was properly designated as Conestogo Twp., Chester Co., PA. I have yet to find the actual lists or manifests. Need to continue searching. Sources:

- In FamilySearch, Search Books, find Pennsylvania Colonial Records, vol. 3. FamilySearch Catalog: Minutes of the Provincial Council of Pennsylvania from the organization to the termination of the proprietary government — FamilySearch.org. [Pennsylvania colonial records. V. 3 \(familysearch.org\)](#)
- Some Early American Ream and Allied Families, pgs 327-328 by Forest V. Ream, Family Historian. Sponsored by the Ream Historical Society, 1977, Friendship Maryland, https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/404998-some-early-american-ream-and-allied-families?offset=1&viewer=1&medianame=FL4482307_500430_000001&q=Some%20Early%20American%20Ream%20and%20Allied%20Families#page=349&viewer=picture&o=search&n=0&q=Some%20Early%20American%20Ream%20and%20Allied%20Families

Confirmation of arrival before 1719 comes from the excerpt shown below for 14 Oct 1729 wherein Everhard Ream is named among those who settled in Pennsylvania between 1700 and 1718.

1718 – Birth of son Abraham Riehm “The Tavern Keeper”.

- “Abraham Rihm, second son of Eberhard Rihm, was born at Philadelphia in August 1718, baptized there by Mr. Andreas. His wife Anna Maria, nee Leimbachin, in 1715. They were united in marriage on St. Michael’s Day (September 29), 1738 by the Reformed pastor Getschy. Source: “Der Reggeboge, The Rainbow”, published by the Pennsylvania German Society, Vol 10, No. 3-4, Dec. 1976, quoting from the Records of the Muddy Creek Moravian Congregation,

Church-Book for the Little Congregation of Jesus Christ on the Muddy Creek, from the Moravian Archives in Bethelhem, PA, now owned by the Moravian Historical Society.

- “There seems little doubt he was born in the year 1718. The debate arises as to where he was born. Some sources say Philadelphia, PA, and some say Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., PA. Philadelphia seems the most logical and is actually confirmed by an entry in the Moravian Church Records, specifically the Muddy Creek Reformed Church in Cocalico Twp., Lancaster Co., PA..it is entered that Abraham Rihm was born in Philadelphia in 1718 and was baptized there by Rev. Andrea...This information was found in Norman W. Ream’s research notes.”
 - *Source:* Genealogy of the Stukey, Ream, Grove, Clem and Denniston Families, printed in the United States of America by Mennonite Publishing House, Scottsdale, PA, by Elmer Leonidas Denniston, D.O., originally published by the author, 417 North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA, 1939.
- Abraham Rihm born Aug 1718. *Source:* *Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Mennonite Vital Records, 1750-2014*. Author: Ancestry.com. Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015, Provo, UT, USA. Repository: Ancestry.com, <http://www.Ancestry.com>
- Find A Grave, memorial # 94095809, [Abraham “The Tavern Keeper” Riehm \(1718-1783\) - Find A Grave Memorial](#). Memorial notes that he died 14 May 1783 at age 64 in Cocalico, Lancaster, PA and was buried in Salem Union Cemetery in Reamstown, Lancaster, PA
- Abraham is Ancestor # A204890 in the DAR system for Patriotic Service, which notes he was born Aug 1718 in Philadelphia, died after 14 May 1783 in Cocalico, Lancaster, PA. His Patriotic service description: took oath of allegiance, 1777; paid supply tax 1779, 1782. [DAR Genealogical Research Databases](#)

19 Feb 1719 – Hans Andreas Riem, father of Johann Eberhard, dies in Liemen Germany. Hans Andreas Riehm, male, age 77 born 1642, dies 19 Feb 1719 in Leimen. He was buried in Leimen, German. *Source:* FHL film # 1272780, *Germany, Select Deaths and Burials, 1582-1958*. Author: Ancestry.com. Publisher: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2014, Provo, UT, USA. Repository: Ancestry.com, <http://www.Ancestry.com>

1 Mar 1719 – Warrant to Eberhard for 200 acres near New Strasburg, Chester County, PA. “By the Commissioners of Property. At the Request of Everard Ream now of New Strasburg that we would grant him to take up in or near that Township the quantity of two hundred acres of land for which he agrees to pay to the use of the Trustees of the Province within three months after the date hereof Twenty pounds mony of Pennsilvania for the whole & the yearly quitrent of one Shilling Sterling for each hundred acres. These are to authorize and Require thee to Survey or cause to be :Survey’d unto the Said Edward (Everard) Ream at the place aforesaid according to the Method of Townships appointed the said quantity of two hundred acres of Land that has not been already Survey’d nor appropriated nor is seated by the Indians and make Returns thereof into the Secretarys office which survey in case ye said Edward fulfill the above agreement shall be valid otherwise the same shall be void as if it had never been made nor this warrant ever granted. Given under our hands and ye Seal of the Province of Philadelphia the 1st day of the 3rd mo. A.D. 1719. Signed Richd Hill, Isaac Norris, James Logan. To Jacob Taylor Survr Genrl. *Source:* Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Pennsylvania State Archives, RG-17, Records of the Land Office, Copied Surveys, 1681-1912. (series #17.114). See page D-82-239 and reverse. [PA State Archives - RG-17 - Copied Survey Images - Interface: Book D82](#)

24 Aug 1720 – Anna Katharina Wolfharten, mother of Anna Elisabeth Schwab Ream, passes away. She is buried with her husband in Salem Evangelical, Lancaster Co. PA. [Anna Katherina Wolfhardt Schwab \(1663-1720\) - Find A Grave Memorial](#)

13 Apr 1721 – Birth of Son Nicholas Riehm in Erlingtown (Earl Twp), PA.

“Nicolaus Rihm, third son of Eberhard Rihm, was born Easter Day, 1721, at Erlingtown (Earl Township) in Pennsylvania. Baptized by Domine Weiss, married Elizabeth Sara, nee Reuterin, Michael Reuter’s daughter on the Cocalico. They were married at the end of April 1743.” *Sources:*

- “Der Reggeboege, The Rainbow”, published by the Pennsylvania German Society, Vol 10, No. 3-4, Dec. 1976, quoting from the Records of the Muddy Creek Moravian Congregation, Church-Book for the Little Congregation of Jesus Christ on the Muddy Creek, from the Moravian Archives in Bethelehem, PA, now owned by the Moravian Historical Society.
- Determining the Easter date for 1721: [Easter Sunday in 1721 \(coolconversion.com\)](http://coolconversion.com)

At the Reams-Redding Cemetery (on the original Reams land), in Row 10, Grave # 2, the cemetery notes “This is a stone we have not been able to read. It is the stone next to his wife so this may be correct.”

Additional notes in the Reams-Redding Cemetery records for Grave #2 (presumed to be Nicholas) and #3 (his wife): “Here Liegt Niclaus Rihm, seine Ehefrau Elisabeth die Geborne Reider Gebor in Europa zu Euenstein in der Margrachschaft baden 7/24/1724 in der Ehe ist sie gelebt 18 (?) jahr



Nov 1723 – Birth of son John Eberhart Riehm in Erlingtown (Earl Township)

- Johannes Rihm, born November 1723 in Erlingtown (Earl Township). *Source:* “Der Reggeboege, The Rainbow”, published by the Pennsylvania German Society, Vol 10, No. 3-4, Dec. 1976, quoting from the Records of the Muddy Creek Moravian Congregation, Church-Book for the Little Congregation of Jesus Christ on the Muddy Creek, from the Moravian Archives in Bethelehem, PA, now owned by the Moravian Historical Society.
- Johannes Rihm, son of Eberhard Rihm and Elizabeth Schwobin born Nov 1723. *Source:* Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Mennonite Vital Records, 1750-2014. Author: Ancestry.com. Publisher: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015, Provo, UT, USA. Repository: Ancestry.com, <http://www.ancestry.com>
- Born 1723, died 1784 in Reamstown, Lancaster, PA. [John Eberhart “John” Riehm \(1723-1784\) - Find A Grave Memorial](#)
- The records of the Reams-Redding Cemetery show that he was born Nov 1723

1723/1724 – Eberhard and Elisabeth settle in Lancaster Co, PA.

- Eberhard and Anna Elisabetha Riehm settled their family on the banks of the Cocalico Creek. Their nearest neighbors were the Delaware Indians who lived in a village across the creek from the Riehms. The Riehm boys grew up with these peaceful Indians and hunted and fished with them. Johann Eberhardt Riehm and his family were members of the Muddy Creek Reformed Church. Tobias Ream, a son of Eberhard, laid out a plan for a town to be called Zoar, located on land deeded to him by his father. This town was commonly called Reamstown even in the early days of the town's history when it was officially called Zoar. In 1803 the name was officially changed to Reamstown when the post of ice was established there. The town celebrated its bicentennial in 1960. (Source: <http://users.legacyfamilytree.com/EvaGremmert/9972.htm>) Place: (Source: <http://users.legacyfamilytree.com/EvaGremmert/9972.htm>)

- “In the north-eastern part of the country, a settlement was commenced about the year 1723 or 4 by Everhard Ream, whose descendants still reside in the village called after the first settler and proprietor. This place, like many others, was occupied solely by the Indians, at the time Mr. Ream located here. He ventured with his wagon and horse into the woods, where he unloaded his “*fixtures and furniture*” under a large oak tree that spread its extended boughs over him and his small family till he had put up a rude hut of logs, which is built upon what is now Leshers farm. His nearest mill was on the Brandywine, and his nearest neighbors, the Mullbachers, then living on Mill creek. After clearing a small spot, he procured a warrant and located about four hundred acres; afterwards, in 1725, received a patent for the same. *Source:* Page 190 - Rupp, I. Daniel (Israel Daniel), 1803-1878. [History of Lancaster County: to Which Is Prefixed a Brief Sketch of the Early History of Pennsylvania.](#) Lancaster, Penn.: Gilbert Hills, 1844. - <https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/008651506>
- .“Here the family soon arrived, camping at first under and oak tree, about 400 yards back from Cocalico Creek until a rough log cabin could be built. They were the only white settlers in this region, their nearest white neighbors being twelve miles away. The Indians who lived in a little village across the creek belonged to the Delaware tribe and were friendly to the Ream family. As the Ream boys grew up they played with the Indians and went on hunting and fishing trips with them. The father of this family gradually acquired more land in this neighborhood. The old land records show that he was granted a patent on 420 acres in 1725; 389 acres on June 23, 1734 and 113 acres on Nov13, 1750. On October 14, 1729, the General Assembly of the Province of Pennsylvania passed an act naturalizing certain Protestants who were subjects of the Emperor.....*Source:* abstracted from the book Riehm Family, Lancaster Library, Lancaster, Ohio pp 248-249.
- “In 1723 or 1724, Johann Eberhard Ream (sometimes spelled Riehm) settled his family near the spring located to the rear of what is now 31 S. Reamstown Road in Reamstown. The Reams came from Leimen Germany in 1717”. *Source:* [Township History | East Cocalico PA \(eastcocalicotownship.com\)](#)

24 Feb 1724 – Eberhard Ream of Conestoga requests 200 acres of land

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Isaac Taylor requests in behalf of Rob't Green the Grant of about 50 acres of Land adjoining on his Plantation on the Edge of Rockland Mannor, in Bromingham, it being a Parcell left when the Lands thereabout were granted to other Persons.

→ Eberherd Ream, of Conestoga, requests the Grant of about 200 acres of Land on a branch of that Creek, including a small Indian Settlem't, called Cocalico. He has the Indians' consent to settle and can pay the purchase Money down.

Source: Minutes of the Board of the Property of the Province of Pennsylvania, Minute Book L.

[Minutes of the Board of Property of the province of Pennsylvania - Viewer \(familysearch.org\)](#)

1724 – Settling in

- “In the summer of 1724, Eberhard moved his family which later grew to include 11 children, into this new country, inhabited only by a colony of Indians living along Cocalico Creek. Ream’s wagon load of furniture and household goods was halted under a large oak tree and under the spreading branches he pitched his tent. He lived there with his family until he cut trees and built

a log cabin. Conjecture is that Eberhard chose this location because it was close to a good spring of water.

- For the first few years, the Ream family lived by themselves with their nearest neighbors residing 12 miles to the north along Mill Creek which is the present site of Newmanstown. The Indians along the Cocalico Creek were friendly and the Ream children grew up playing, hunting, and fishing with the Indian children.
- The Reams were not a poor family for the old records show that Eberhard Ream was gradually acquiring more property. By the Autumn of 1750, he had already received patents for more than 900 acres of rich farm land adjoining his original homestead.
- Adapted from the text of "Historical Sketch of Reamstown, Pennsylvania" published in 1952 by the Ream Family Association, Inc., of America. From the Reamstown Historical Society and Museum website, <https://reamstownhistory.wordpress.com/history/eberhard-ream/>

In 1725, a patent was granted to Everhard Ream for about 400 acres of land (in what is now Lancaster Co, PA). Of this, he conveyed to his son Tobias 54 acres, on a portion of which Tobias, in the year 1760, laid out the village of Reamstown. Henry Spiess of Reading, PA, a direct descendant of Tobias Ream, has still in his possession some of the old deeds given by the Penns to the Reams. *Source:* "A Genealogical History of the Ream Family of Fairfield County, Ohio" by Rev. Solomon Ream, published by the Central Publishing House, Cleveland, OH, 1908, pgs 35-41.

- Conflicting info: that he was granted 420 acres (ie. Not 400). *Source:* *Genealogy of the Stukey, Ream, Grove, Clem and Denniston Families*, pg 247 printed in the United States of America by Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, PA, by Elmer Leonidas Denniston, D.O., originally published by the author, 417 North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA, 1939.

25 Jun 1726 – Birth of Son Mathias Riehm in Lancaster County, PA

- Additional source for Matthaues, born June 1726 - "Der Reggeboege, The Rainbow", published by the Pennsylvania German Society, Vol 10, No. 3-4, Dec. 1976, quoting from the Records of the Muddy Creek Moravian Congregation, Church-Book for the Little Congregation of Jesus Christ on the Muddy Creek, from the Moravian Archives in Bethlehem, PA, now owned by the Moravian Historical Society.
- Matthaues Rihm, born June 1726 - *Source:* Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Mennonite Vital Records, 1750-2014. Author: Ancestry.com. Publisher: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015, Provo, UT, USA. Repository: Ancestry.com, <http://www.Ancestry.com>
- Mathias is in the DAR database (Ancestor # A093935) for Patriotic Service as a private under Capt. John Smuller, Lancaster Co. and that he signed an Oath of Allegiance and that in 1779 he paid supply tax. The DAR database shows DOB as 25 Jun 1726 and DOD as 15 Jan 1789 in Reamstown, Lancaster, PA.

1727 (?) – Birth of daughter Susanna Riehm. No reliable source for birth; here is what is on Find A Grave: [Susanna Riehm Differt \(1727-1803\) - Find A Grave Memorial](#)

14 Oct 1729 – All Protestant naturalized in Pennsylvania as British citizens. "On October 14, 1729, the General Assembly of the Province of Pennsylvania passed an act naturalizing certain Protestants who were subjects of the Emperor, who had come to Pennsylvania between the years 1700 and 1718. The men to whom this act refers were all settlers in Lancaster County....Among the one hundred and more men whose names are listed as being naturalized at this time, was Eberhard Ream"

- *Genealogy of the Stukey, Ream, Grove, Clem and Denniston Families*, pg. 247-248, printed in the United States of America by Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, PA, by Elmer Leonidas Denniston, D.O., originally published by the author, 417 North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA, 1939.

The following is transcribed from an original “of the time” document, and re-printed in the book noted below.

“WHEREAS, By encouragement given by the Honorable William Penn, Esq., late Proprietary and Governor of the province of Pennsylvania, and by permission of his Majesty, King George the First...divers Protestants, who were subjects of the Emperor of Germany, a Prince in amity with the Crown of Great Britain, transported themselves and estates into the province of Pennsylvania, between the years *one thousand seven hundred and one thousand seven hundred eighteen*; and since they came hither have contributed very much to the enlargement of the British Empire...*and have always behaved themselves religiously and peaceably... And whereas* Many of said persons... of Lancaster county, in the said province of Pennsylvania.. qualified themselves by taking the qualification, and subscribing the declaration directed to be taken and subscribed by the several acts of parliament, made for the security of his Majesty’s person and Government, ad for preventing the dangers which may happen by Popish Recusants, have humbly signified to the Governour and Representatives of the freemen of this province... that they have purchased and do hold lands of the proprietary, and others, his Majesty’s subjects within this province, and have likewise represented their great desire of being made partakers of those privileges which the natural born subjects of Great Britain do enjoy within this province; and it being just and reasonable, that these persons who have bona fide purchased lands, and who have given such testimony to their affection and obedience to the Crown of Great Britain should as well be secured in the enjoyment of their estates, as encouraged in heir laudable affection and zeal for the English constitution;

Be it enacted by the Hon. Patrick Gordon, Esq., Lieut. Governor of the province of Pennsylvania, &c, by and with the advice and consent of the freemen of the said province, in General Assembly meet, and by the authority of the same. That* John Swope... Everhard Ream, all of Lancaster be, and shall be to all intents and purposes deemed, taken, and esteemed, His Majesty’s natural born subjects of the province of Pennsylvania, as if they and each of them had been born within the said province; and shall and may, and every one of them shall and may, within this province, take, resolve, enjoy and be entitled to all rights, privileges and advantages of natural born subjects.....

* (A long list of names follows – my two direct ancestors, John Swope and Everhard Ream among them) *Source: An Authentic History of Lancaster County, in the state of Pennsylvania*. Author: Jacob Isidor Mombert. Published 1869. Available at : [Ancestry.com - An authentic history of Lancaster County, in the state of Pennsylvania](http://www.ancestry.com)

Mar 1734 - Birth of son Tobias.

- Son of Eberhard Rihm Sr.: Tobias, born March 1734, baptized y Pastor Reiger. *Source:* “Der Reggeboge, The Rainbow”, published by the Pennsylvania German Society, Vol 10, No. 3-4, Dec. 1976, quoting from the Records of the Muddy Creek Moravian Congregation, Church-Book for the Little Congregation of Jesus Christ on the Muddy Creek, from the Moravian Archives in Bethlehem, PA, now owned by the Moravian Historical Society.
- Mar 1734 birth of Tobias, son of Eberhard Rihm and Elizabeth Schwobin. *Source:* Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Mennonite Vital Records, 1750-2014. Author: Ancestry.com. Publisher: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015, Provo, UT, USA. Repository: Ancestry.com, <http://www.ancestry.com>
- Tobias is in the DAR database (# A093945) for Patriotic Service as a private under Capt. Andreas Ream, Andrew Ream, John Smuller, Lancaster Co. Militia, 1778-79, 1781-83 and that in 1779 he

paid supply tax. The DAR records show birth 1733 in Cocalico Twp, Lancaster PA and death prior to 20 Oct 1807 in Reamstown

28 Jun 1734 –Eberhard Ream land patent for 389 acres in Lancaster County, PA, following a 22 May 1734 land warrant. *Source*: page 96, as recorded in A-AAPatentIndex159 (state.pa.us), RG-17, Records of the Land Office. Patent Index A and AA Series, 1684-1781 (Series #17.147), Pennsylvania State Archives, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. [A-AAPatentIndex259.pdf \(state.pa.us\)](#)

- Additional detail: Warrant Location: On Cocalico Br of Conestoga Source: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; Post 1733 Land Record Indexes, Warrant Registers. [Lancaster177.pdf \(state.pa.us\)](#)

1735 – Birth of son Adam, [Adam Riehm \(1735-1813\) - Find A Grave Memorial](#)

May 1735– son John Jacob Rihm marries Anna Catherine Hall/Haller

- He married Anna Christina Haller (1717-1801) in 1735 in Lancaster. *Source*: *Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Mennonite Vital Records, 1750-2014*. Author: Ancestry.com. Publisher: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015, Provo, UT, USA. Repository: Ancestry.com, <http://www.Ancestry.com>

4 July 1736 – Birth of son Andreas

- Andreas, born July 1736, baptized by N. Hoog. *Source*: “Der Reggeboge, The Rainbow”, published by the Pennsylvania German Society, Vol 10, No. 3-4, Dec. 1976, quoting from the Records of the Muddy Creek Moravian Congregation, Church-Book for the Little Congregation of Jesus Christ on the Muddy Creek, from the Moravian Archives in Bethlehem, PA, now owned by the Moravian Historical Society.
- July 1736 birth of Tobias, son of Eberhard Rihm and Elizabeth Schwobin. *Source*: Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Mennonite Vital Records, 1750-2014. Author: Ancestry.com. Publisher: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015, Provo, UT, USA. Repository: Ancestry.com, <http://www.Ancestry.com>
- Grave marker, however has 4 Jul 1736. *Source*: [Capt Andreas “Andrew” Ream \(1737-1813\) - Find A Grave Memorial](#)
- Andrew is in the DAR database (Ancestor # 093971) for Patriotic Service as a Captain, in the 6th Battalion, Lancaster Co. Militia and that he paid the supply tax in 1779. He is shown as having died in Turkeyfoot Twp., prob. Somerset Co, PA.

29 Sep 1738 son Abraham married Anna Maria Leinbachin. *Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Mennonite Vital Records, 1750-2014*. Author: Ancestry.com. Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015, Provo, UT, USA. Repository: Ancestry.com, <http://www.Ancestry.com>

1739 – Birth of son Samuel. *Source*: [Samuel Riehm \(1739-1780\) - Find A Grave Memorial](#)

1735 Death of Jost Schwab, father of Anna Elisabetha Schwab Ream

- Grave marker for Yost (Jost) Swope/Schob/Schwab. He had reportedly been buried at Salem Evangelical Church in Lancaster Co. The Find A Grave memorial has been removed for some reason.
- Difficult to read, but his stone notes "his wife is buried with him".



26 Apr 1743 – Son Nicholas marries

- 26 Apr 1743 – Son Nicholas marries Elizabeth Sarah Reiter (b. 25 Apr 1723 in Neuret, Baden, Germany; died 1761; she was the daughter of Michael Reiter and Magdalena De Gage). – Family notes - <https://www.johnream.com/history.htm>
- Apr 1743 – Nicolaus Rihm, son of Eberhard Rihm and Elizabeth Schwobin, wed Elizabeth S. Reuterin. Source: Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Mennonite Vital Records, 1750-2014. Author: Ancestry.com. Publisher: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2015, Provo, UT, USA. Repository: Ancestry.com, <http://www.Ancestry.com>

24 Sep 1724 – Birth of Elizabeth Reider, wife of Nicholas Ream.

- "Hir Leigt Niclaus Rihm, seine Ehefrau Elisabeth die Geborne Reider Gebor. In Europa zu Euenstein in der Margravschaft Baden 9/24/1724 in der Ehe ist sie gelebt 18(?) jahr" and the rest is illegible.
 - Here is Niclaus Rihm, his wife Elisabeth, born Reider.
- She was the daughter of Michael Reider and they were married 26 Apr 1743 (Denniston). They had eight children. If the figure on the stone is correct that she lived in marriage 18 years to Nicholas, that would place her death in 1761 the same year as Eberhard's wife died and the year before the cemetery was deeded.
- Nicholas and Elizabeth are my 7x Great Grandparents

1745 – Eberhard became interested in the Moravian Church and wanted the Moravian clergy to build a church on his land, but instead in 1745 they built a school and a church on the farm of Henry Haller, Sr, which started a disagreement between Riehm and the Moravians. Bishop Cammerhoff of the Moravian Church wrote a letter dated 20 Mach 1748,

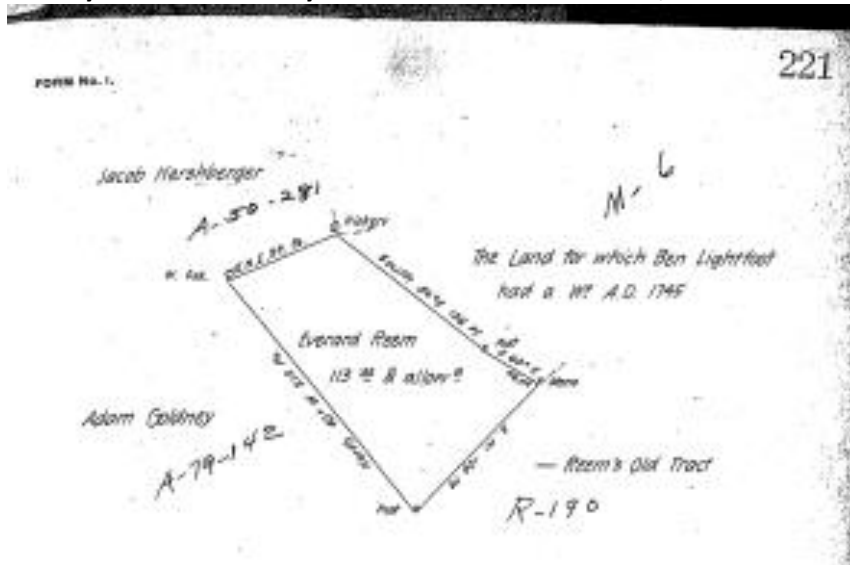
"there is a man at Muddy Creek, named Eberhard Riehm, in whose house, if my memory serves me right, our dear Father (Count Zinzendorf) preached and of whom Lischy, when in was still at Muddy Creek, made much ado, because he had 700 acres of land and was best able to pay, while the rest of the brethren were poor people. He is a restless and puffed up fellow. He got the fantastic idea into his head, when the Brethren first came to Muddy Creek that they should build a meeting house for them on his land. He had the idea that when the building was erected on his land, the Brethren would be under him and he would be the trustee and regent of the congregation, as the Brethren would live there by his grace. But we did not accept his offers and propositions. Hence he became critical and sought to make out of his children a gang (of whom four lived on his land in separate families, but in such a manner that he had not given them any

land, could chase them off, if he wanted to do so). He told them that he had 700 acres of land, while in Bethlehem there were only 500. He would unite with them and build a Bethlehem together on his plantation. And then more people would move to him than to Bethlehem. All these ideas were probably the fruits of the principles which Lischy has circulated along these people, when he first preached there."

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=gwenbj&id=1944>

<https://gw.geneanet.org/comrade28?lang=en&n=riehm&oc=0&p=johann+eberhardt>

10 May 1749 Land Survey Recorded for Everard Ream, 113 acres in Cocalico Twp.



"Pursuant to a Warrant dated 17th of ye 9th br A.D. 1736 the above described tract of land was surveyed to Everard Reem. Situate in Cocalico Township Lancaster County. May 10th 1749. Benj. Lightfoot. Certified Pr Sam Lightfoot. *Source:* Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Maps/Surveyed Maps, [Book C-169 pg 441.pdf \(state.pa.us\)](#)

23 Nov 1750 - Everhard Reem land patent for 113 acres in Lancaster County, PA following warrant of 17 Nov 1736. *Source:* page 259, as recorded in A-AAPatentIndex159 (state.pa.us), RG-17, Records of the Land Office. Patent Index A and AA Series, 1684-1781 (Series #17.147), Pennsylvania State Archives, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. [A-AAPatentIndex261.pdf \(state.pa.us\)](#)

24 Apr 1755 –Eberhard witnesses a legal document for his son Abraham.

"To all people to whom these presents shall come Abraham Riehm of Cocalico in the County of Lancaster in the Province of Pennsylvania, yeoman, and Anna Maria his wife, one of the daughters of John Leinbach late of Oley in the County of Berks, yeoman deceased. Send greetings. Whereas the said John Leinbach being in his lifetime at the time of his decease seized of lands, tenements and hereditaments and possessed of goods and chattels intestate leaving issue of three sons and two daughters, namely: Frederick, Henry, John, the said Anna Maria and Maria Barbara, the wife of David Nicchman (Nitschmann); and it is agreed by and between them the said Frederick, Henry, John and the said Abraham Riehm and Anna Mary his wife, that the said Frederick, Henry and John, and the said Abraham Riehm and Anna Maria his wife, that the said Frederick, Henry and John shall pay the debts of the said deceased father and have, hold and enjoy to them their heirs executors administrators respectively all and singular aforesaid lands, tenements, goods and chattels in such share or proportion as they shall agree for consideration of eighty-four pounds." This continues at length with quit claim

details and is dated fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty-five in the twenty-eighth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second by the Grace of God, King over Great Britain. Sealed Abraham Riehm, Anna Maria (X) Riehm (her mark and seal, signed and delivered in the presence of Eberhard Rihm and Tobias Rihm.

Document recorded 2 May 1755. All names subscribed and written in German Characters.

Source: Norman W. Ream; have not yet located this original document myself.

16 May 1758 – son Tobias weds Juliana Keller -- Riehm, Tobias, s. of Johann Eberhart Riehm and Juliana, d. of decd Johannes Keller, May 16, 1758. Source: Records of Rev John Waldschmidt, Pennsylvania Marriage Records, Harrisburg, PA, Pennsylvania Archives Printed Series, 1876. Series 2, 6

15 Feb 1759 – Eberhard deeds land to his sons.

- “When he was about seventy-two years old, Eberhard Ream made a partial distribution of his lands, deeding to his sons” 62 1/2 acres to Andrew, 110 to Jacob, 100 to John, 122 to Nicholas and 100 to Mathias. “In each case the consideration was for “five shillings and the natural love and affection which they beareth for their said son”. Eberhard signed his name in German, while his wife, Elizabeth, made her mark. These deeds were recorded at Lancaster County courthouse at different times, in 1783, 1786 and 1802.

“It seems evident that the other children also shared in this distribution of property for while they did not have their deeds recorded, the two remaining sons, Abraham and Tobias, later disposed of land received from their father February 15, 1759. For deeds connected with this distribution of Eberhard Ream’s estate.

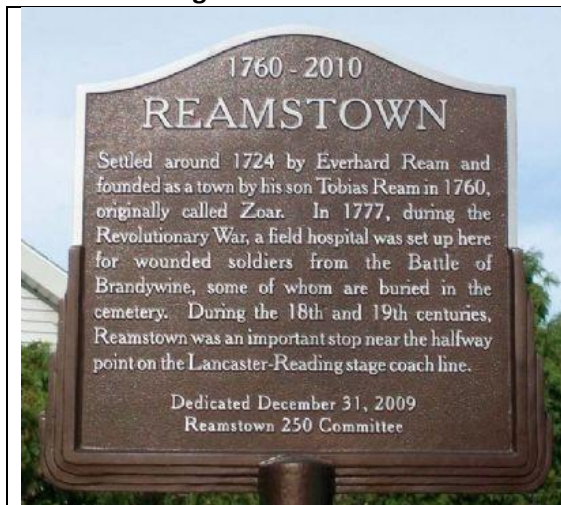
- Source: *Genealogy of the Stukey, Ream, Grove, Clem and Denniston Families*, pg. 249, printed in the United States of America by Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, PA, by Elmer Leonidas Denniston, D.O., originally published by the author, 417 North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA, 1939.
- “In 1759, Eberhard Ream and his wife Anna Schwab Ream, divided their land among the sons. The 54 acres given to one son, Tobias, were laid out into building lots, which were sold on the ground rent plan. He named the community **Zoar** (sometimes spelled Zohar). By 1772 the name had been changed to **Reamstown**.
 “In the mid 1700’s the road from Lancaster to Reading passing through Reamstown was known as “**the Kings Highway**”. A stagecoach route was created and, since Reamstown was nearly midway between these two larger communities, a number of hotels thrived.”
Source: [Township History | East Cocalico PA \(eastcocalicotownship.com\)](http://Township History | East Cocalico PA (eastcocalicotownship.com))
- From Lancaster County Deed records, date of deed grant location Cocalico, recorded 15 Feb 1759, In Lancaster County/Grantor Q-R page 66

Grantor	Grantee	Where Record	Date Recorded
Eberhart Ream	Andrew Ream	Bk U/pg 349	4 Mar 1783
Eberhart Ream	John Ream	Bk EE/pg 134	20 Mar 1786
Eberhart Ream	Nicholas Ream	Bk EE/pg 135	20 Mar 1786
Eberhart Ream	Nicholas Ream	Bk EE/pg 137	20 Mar 1786
Eberhart Ream	Mathias Ream	Bk EE/274	24 Apr 1786
Eberhard Ream	Jacob Ream	Bk P/Vol 3/484	21 Jan 1804

13 May 1759 – Eberhart Riehm sponsors baptism of grandson John Frederick Riehm in Cocalico, PA. Parents of the child are Matthias and Magdalene Riehm. Source: Records of Rev. Waldschmidt,

Pennsylvania Church Records - Adams, Berks, and Lancaster Counties, 1729-1881. Author; Ancestry.com. Publisher: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2004, Provo, UT, USA. Repository: Ancestry.com, <http://www.Ancestry.com>

1760 – Founding of a Town that later became Reamstown



Inscription

Settled around 1724 by Everhard Ream and founded as a town by his son Tobias Ream in 1760, originally called Zoar. In 1777, during the Revolutionary War, a field hospital was set up here for wounded soldiers from the Battle of Brandywine, some of whom are buried in the cemetery. During the 18th and 19th centuries, Reamstown was an important stop near the halfway point on the Lancaster-Reading stage coach line.

[Reamstown Historical Marker \(hmdb.org\)](http://hmdb.org)

Source: historical marker, dedicated December 31, 2009, Reamstown 250 Committee.

4 Mar 1761 – Death of Anna Elizabeth Schwab Ream - "Pioneer Settler. Elisabeth Ream Nee Schwab. October 10, 1692 – March 4, 1761. Migrated from Germany in 1717. Settled here in 1723 or 4. Erected 1960". Source: grave marker.

31 Aug 1762 – Land for cemetery set aside by Andrew Ream, a son of Eberhard. "...on August 31, 1762, Andrew Ream, son of Eberhard and Susanna, the wife of Andrew, deeded an acre of land to Jacob and Tobias Ream, in trust, "that is to say for all the Ream families in general and likewise for other good friends and neighbors in particular for a common grave yard and burial grounds..."

- *Genealogy of the Stukey, Ream, Grove, Clem and Denniston Families*, pg. 249-250, printed in the United States of America by Mennonite Publishing House, Scottsdale, PA, by Elmer Leonidas Denniston, D.O., originally published by the author, 417 North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA, 1939.

11 Feb 1768 – Eberhard Serves as Executor of Estate of John Berger. "BERGER, JOHN. Twp. omitted. January 25, 1768 February 11, 1768. Children: Eleanor wife of John Gleckler, Barbara wife of Peter Reitzle and Catherine. Ex. Eberhard Rihm." Need to find source for this reference. Relationship to Eberhard unknown.

15 Aug 1769 – Son Nicholas re-marries

- Nicolaus, widower, and Anna Catharina, widow of Heinrich Hartmann; Aug. 15, 1769. Source: Records of Rev John Waldschmidt, Pennsylvania Marriage Records, Harrisburg, PA, Pennsylvania Archives Printed Series, 1876. Series 2, 6
 - <https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/?navigation=&perpage=&page=1&sort=score&search=Records+of+Rev+John+Waldschmidt&fulltext=1&bookmarks=0#:~:text=Baptismal%20and%20marriage%20records%2C%20Rev.%20John%20Waldschmidt%2C%201752%2D1786>

- 15 Aug 1769 – Nicholas weds wife #2: Anna Catharina (last name unknown; widow of Heinrich Hartmann) b. ~1727 in Erlington, Earl Twp, PA

1773 – Eberhard is residing in Cocalico, Lancaster, PA. *Source:* Ancestry.com - *Pennsylvania, Tax and Exoneration, 1768-1801* - Name: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc.; Location: Provo, UT, USA; Date: 2011; - Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission; Records of the Office of the Comptroller General, RG-4; Tax & Exoneration Lists, 1762-1794; Microfilm Roll: 328

6 Jun 1774 – Death of son Nicholas Riehm - [Nicholas Ream \(1721-1774\) - Find A Grave Memorial](#)

1777 – Battle of Brandywine field hospital – in what is now Reamstown. “In 1777, during the Revolutionary War, a field hospital was set up here for wounded soldiers from the Battle of Brandywine, some of whom are buried in the cemetery.” *Source:* 1760-2010 Reamstown historical marker, dedicated December 31, 2009 by the Reamstown 250 Committee.

1777-1779 – Ream family members who signed oath of allegiance during the time of the American Revolutionary War

Name of Affirmer or Subscriber	Year	Deed Book 'L' Page Number
Ream Jr., John	1777	375
Ream, Abraham	1779	401
Ream, Abraham	1777	375
Ream, Abraham	1778	379
Ream. Andrew	1777	375
Ream Andrew	1777	375
Ream, Frederick	1777	375
Ream, John	1777	375
Ream, John	1777	380
Ream, John	1777	399
Ream, Mathias	1777	379
Ream, Tobias	1778	379
Ream, Abraham	1777	375

Source: [Oaths-of-Allegiance-Index-1777-1789 \(lancaster.pa.us\)](#). Lancaster County, Pennsylvania Oaths of Allegiance Index 1777-1789 Transcribed from Deed Book 'L' within the Lancaster County Archives Collection Name of Affirmer or Subscriber Year Deed Book 'L' Page Number indicated. Lancaster County Archives, 150 North Queen Street #10, Lancaster, PA, 17603. For copies of record, email: archives@co.lancaster.pa.us

22 Aug 1779 – death of Eberhard Ream

- Cemetery notes – English translation from original German: “here rest the bones of a very honest dear old grandfather John Eberhard Rihm born 1687 in Europe, married in yr. 1711 with Elizabeth Schwab came 1717 to American, where his family of ten children increased to 150 souls.” He fell asleep in Jesus the 22 of August 1779, his age 92 years. Denniston Page 250
- Translated into English, the stones read as follows: "Here rest the bones of a very honest dear old grandfather John Eberhard Rihm, born 1687 in Europe, married in the year 1711, with Elizabeth Schwab, came 1717 to America, where his family of ten (elsewhere we learn there were eleven) children increased to 150 souls. He fell asleep in Jesus the 22nd. of August 1779,

his age 92 years." "Here lies buried of Eberhard Rihrn, his wife Elizabeth, nee Schwob, born in Europe, at Diren, the 10th. of October 1692. In marriage she lived 49 years, 7 months, 18 days. Passed away the 4th of March 1761, her age 68 years, 4 months, 22 days.

- "Pioneer Settler. Johann Eberhard Ream. October 6, 1687-August 22, 1779. Migrated from Germany in 1717. Settled here in 1723 or 4. Erected 1960". Source: grave marker.
- 23 Aug 1779 - "Johann Eberhard Ream (Riem, Riehm) ...d. 23 Aug 1779" – *Source: Genealogy of the Stukey, Ream, Grove, Clem and Denniston Families*, pg. 245, printed in the United States of America by Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, PA, by Elmer Leonidas Denniston, D.O., originally published by the author, 417 North Second Street, Harrisburg, PA, 1930.

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 - [Genealogy Research: Historical Indexes | Lancaster County, PA - Official Website](https://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/193/Genealogy-Research-Historical-Indexes)
 - <https://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/193/Genealogy-Research-Historical-Indexes>
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 - Lancaster County, PA Archives – 717-299-8320
- Pennsylvania
 - [Pennsylvania colonial records. V. 3 \(familysearch.org\)](https://www.familysearch.org/)
 - Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. [Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission \(pa.gov\)](https://www.pahmc.org/)
- Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Ancestor Search
 - [DAR Genealogical Research Databases](https://www.dar.org/)
- Family Genealogies – Websites, Books
 - Ream Family History by John <https://www.johnream.com/history.htm>
 - "A Genealogical History of the Ream Family of Fairfield County, Ohio" by Rev. Solomon Ream, published by the Central Publishing House, Cleveland, OH, 1908. [A genealogical history of the Ream family in Fairfield County, Ohio : Ream, S : Free Download, Borrow, and Streaming : Internet Archive](https://www.archive.org/details/a-genealogical-history-of-the-ream-family-of-fairfield-county-ohio-ream-s-free-download-borrow-and-streaming-internet-archiv)
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- This book is available by searching Books in familysearch. [Genealogy of the Stukey, Ream, Grove, Clem and Denniston families \(familysearch.org\)](https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSK3-3?i=100&cc=2)
 - *Six American Colonists, Thomas Newbold, William Rodney, George Hufford, Eberhard Ream, Edward Painter, Richard Bridgeford, and Their Descendants*. 3rd Edition, compiled by Eunice Newbold Clark (6474 Tulip Lane, Dallas, Texas 75230), 2005. 900 pages of genealogy including our Eberhard Ream. I purchased this from the author directly.
 - *Some Early American Ream and Allied Families*, pgs 327-328 by Forest V. Ream, Family Historian. Sponsored by the Ream Historical Society, 1977, Friendship Maryland, https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/404998-some-early-american-ream-and-allied-families?offset=1&viewer=1&medianame=FL4482307_500430_000001&q=Some%20Early%20American%20Ream%20and%20Allied%20Families#page=349&viewer=picture&os=search&n=0&q=Some%20Early%20American%20Ream%20and%20Allied%20Families
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